



Mayor's Night Out – Franklin Township

Mayor Gregory A. Ballard

In January of 2008, Mayor Ballard held Indy's first Mayor's Night Out as a way to bring city government closer to citizens, to learn first-hand about citizen concerns and needs in our community, and to make government more transparent and responsive.

This evening marks the 25th Mayor's Night Out.

Thank you, Franklin Township, for partnering with your government, as we focus on making Indianapolis a more livable city for all citizens.



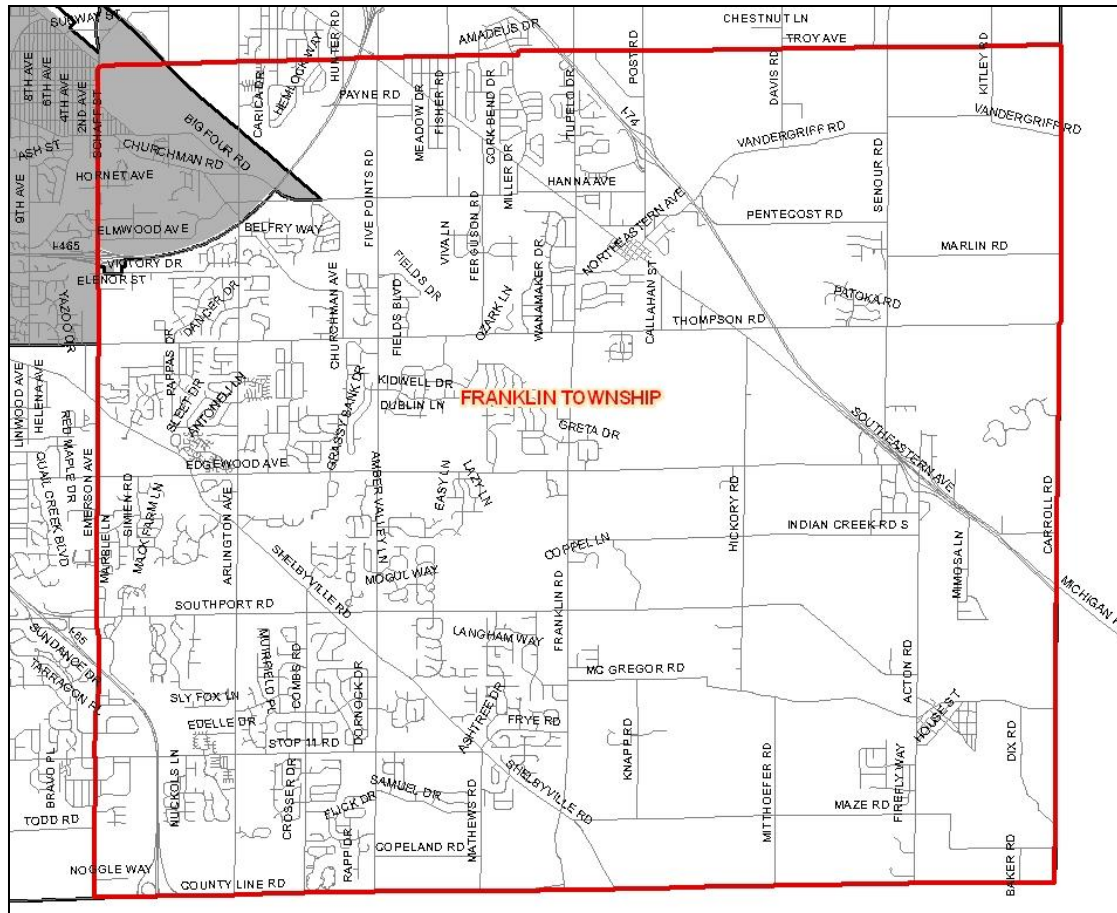


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Public Safety

Southeast District

Commander Cliff Myers
1150 S. Shelby Street
327-6300



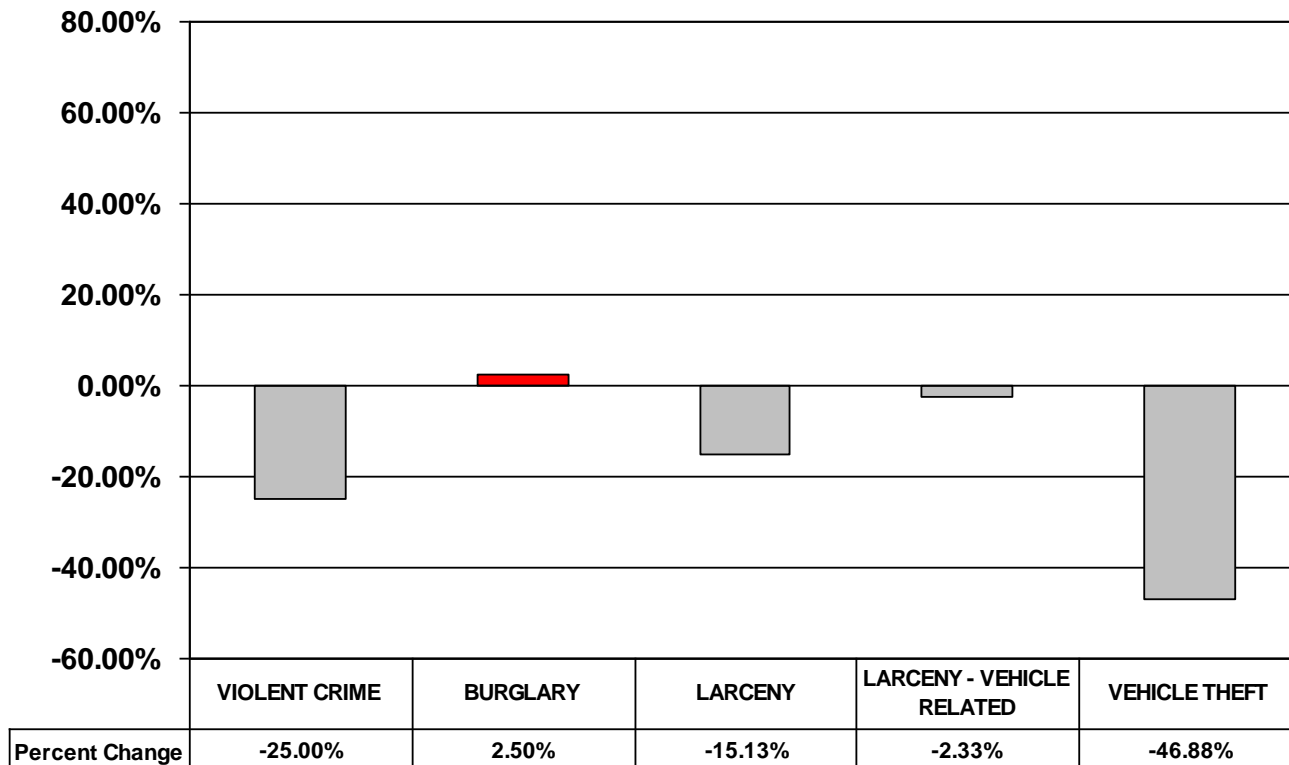


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Franklin Township - Preliminary Crime Trend

Nov 2008 – Jan 2009 v. Nov 2009 – Jan. 2010



- Violent Crime summarizes rape, robbery, and aggravated assault which were combined due to a small number of incidents
- Prepared by IMPD Chief's Office based on **preliminary** incident reports prior to UCR reclassification







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Public Safety

We are targeting burglaries and other crime with our community-based approach:

- Targeted patrols in area
- Created special burglary team in partnership with Prosecutor's Office
- Using new and traditional media to publish information on suspects wanted for burglary
- Dedicated more evidence technicians to process burglary scenes
- Sought out grant funding for leading-edge evidence processing equipment
- Conducting monthly probation and parole sweeps in area
 - Close to 400 subjects on probation or parole for burglary in Marion County
- Conducting regular truancy sweeps



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Public Safety

Citizens working in partnership with IMPD can be our most effective crime-fighting tool:

- Monthly Task Force meetings
- Expanded CrimeWatch groups and added broadcasts of crime and suspect details to subscribers
- Immediate response to neighborhood crime complaints
- Annual District Community Days

We will continue to drive down crime by taking proactive measures:

- Patrols at school bus stops
- Traffic enforcement in response to neighborhood complaints, with focus on school zone speeding



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Economic Development

Being a more livable city starts with creating a climate conducive to creating jobs and economic opportunity for all:

- **Our relative economic stability comes in part from the fundamentals:**
 - Lower rate of crime
 - Now predictable tax climate
 - Government that works with companies and entrepreneurs to foster job creation and economic development
- **Jobs Attracted/Retained:**
 - **20,000+ jobs** in past 2 years
 - 11,135 jobs in 2009
 - (9,592 in 2008)
 - (8,922 in 2007)





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Economic Development

Abatements are one of many economic development levers we can use to incentivize investment.

- Abatements work best when combined with other economic development efforts.
 - We have a two-year average of more than \$17 of private funds returned for every \$1 abated.
 - Stronger ROI than in any year since the city began tracking the statistic in 2001
- Recently, 6 areas in Franklin Township were slated for possible tax abatement. The offer expired in 2009; however, abatements are still possible in these areas:
 - County Line and Arlington.
 - County Line and Emerson
 - Troy and Post
 - Southeastern and Franklin Road
 - South of I 465 between Emerson and Arlington.
 - I 65 and Company Drive off of Emerson. (1 parcel left in area)



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Indy Parks

Our drive to improve Parks is transforming neighborhoods throughout Indianapolis:

- Lilly Endowment awarded the Parks Foundation a \$7.3 million grant - the largest grant in the history of Indy Parks.
- Indy Parks recently secured 10.28 acres for a new park in Wanamaker thanks to a generous land donation by a local business owner.
- New trail coming this spring to Southeastway Park
 - One-mile paved multi-use trail
 - Open to cyclists, walkers, runners, and roller bladers
 - Intersects with crossover trails
- Bike lanes initiated on Southeastern Ave.



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Department of Public Works

While we boldly build for the future, we continue to focus on the quality of life issues affecting citizens in their everyday lives.

- DPW is focused on rebuilding our long-neglected infrastructure.
- Six street segments in Franklin Township scheduled for resurfacing in 2010 using stimulus funds at a total estimated cost of \$3.6 million dollars.
 - Senour – Troy to Thompson
 - Thompson – Emerson to Franklin
 - Davis – Troy to Vandergriff
 - Edgewood – Five Points to Shelbyville
 - Arlington – Thompson to Shelbyville
 - Five Points – Southeastern to Shelbyville
- Senour Rd. from Southeastern to Thompson resurfaced following previous Mayor's Night Out in Franklin Township



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- Expediting Septic Tank Elimination Program (STEP) projects and storm water projects to bid in the current market.
 - Saving millions of dollars
 - Current economic conditions mean contractors are coming in as much as 40% below engineers' original estimates.
 - Completing storm/drainage projects in conjunction with STEP means further reduced costs, while correcting drainage issues and rebuilding streets
- In Franklin Township, several STEP and drainage projects are complete or in progress:
 - Southeastern Avenue
 - Post Road / Ferguson
 - Wanamaker Downtown Relief Storm Sewer, a drainage project set to begin in 2010
 - . . . and many others



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- **Indy Snow Force is DPW's enhanced snow removal program. Enhancements include:**
 - 40% upgrade of the city's snow fleet
 - 37 new International Model snow trucks
 - Fitted with diesel particulate filters (DPFs) that can reduce pollution by up to 90%.
 - 100% upgrade to the contract fleet
 - additional 300 pieces of equipment to be used in residential areas during snowfall of 6" or more.
 - www.indysnowforce.com allows residents fast, up-to-date snow plan information



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Department of Code Enforcement

The Department of Code Enforcement has been re-designed to create efficiencies and improve the level of service we provide to citizens.

- High Weeds & Grass

	2008	2009
High Weeds & Grass Complaints	5,431	10,288
Properties Mowed	1,807	8,474
Call-to-Cut Time (days)	42	23

- Improved Illegal Dumping Enforcement



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Good Government

The Mayor's Action Center (MAC) has transformed from a call-center to a customer service center

- Created outbound call program
 - Offers citizens closure on their service requests
 - Surveys their satisfaction with the service they received
 - Asks if they need additional assistance
 - More than 32,000 outbound calls made
- Fielded 22,600 more inbound calls in 2009 than previous year
 - Calls answered faster
 - Speed to answer down to 6 seconds from as much as 4 minutes
- New citizen portal in progress to further-improve access to city services



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Questions and Answers with Mayor Ballard

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